

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 11-15, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite claims 16 and 17, and add new claims 28-30 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A process of producing a vibration damping rubber member, characterized by: evenly mixing together an unvulcanized rubber material A which enables the vibration damping rubber member to exhibit a low degree of dynamic spring stiffness, an unvulcanized rubber material B which enables the vibration damping rubber member to have a high vibration damping effect, and a vulcanizing agent capable of vulcanizing only said unvulcanized rubber material B; heating a mixture of said unvulcanized rubber materials A and B and said vulcanizing agent, to vulcanize said unvulcanized rubber material B such that fine particles of the vulcanized rubber material B, having an average size of 0.1 to 100 μ m, are dispersed in said unvulcanized rubber material A; adding to said mixture a vulcanizing agent capable of vulcanizing said unvulcanized rubber material A; and forming a thus obtained mixture into a desired shape, and heating the formed mixture to vulcanize said unvulcanized rubber material A, for obtaining said vibration damping rubber member having an island-sea structure in which fine particles of the vulcanized rubber material B are dispersed as a dispersed phase in a matrix phase of the vulcanized rubber material A.

17. (currently amended) A process according to claim 16, wherein said unvulcanized rubber material A is evenly mixed with the unvulcanized rubber material B to which said vulcanizing agent capable of vulcanizing only said unvulcanized rubber material B has been mixed with said unvulcanized rubber material.

18. (previously presented) A process according to claim 17, wherein said unvulcanized rubber material A is vulcanized by a sulfur-based vulcanizing system, while said unvulcanized rubber material B is vulcanized by a resin-based vulcanizing system, a metal-oxide-based vulcanizing system or an amine-based vulcanizing system.

19. (previously presented) A process according to claim 16, wherein said unvulcanized rubber material A is vulcanized by a sulfur-based vulcanizing system, while said unvulcanized rubber material B is vulcanized by a resin-based vulcanizing system, a metal-oxide-based vulcanizing system or an amine-based vulcanizing system.

Claims 20 - 27: (canceled)

28. (new) A process according to claim 16, wherein said rubber material A comprises NR or a mixture of NR and SBR, and said rubber material B comprises maleicacid-modified EPM, CSM, CPE, FR or acrylic rubber.

29. (new) A process according to claim 16, wherein said rubber material A comprises a mixture of NR and BR, and said rubber material B comprises halogenated I I R, maleicacid-modified EPM, CR, carboxyl-modified NBR, CSM, CPE, FR or acrylic rubber.

30. (new) A process according to claim 16, wherein said rubber material A comprises NR and said rubber material B comprises halogenated I I R.